

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7 remain in the application. The applicant respectfully requests that this amendment be entered on the grounds that it places the case in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-3 and 5-6 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent Number 6,745,538 to Marioni.

Applicant submits herewith a terminal disclaimer in the present application with respect to issued patent number 6,745,538.

Claims 4 and 7 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant submits that in view of the present submission of a terminal disclaimer to overcome the double patenting objection, the objection to claims 4 and 7 is now moot.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, applicant submits that all the claims of record are allowable and respectfully requests that this application be passed to issue.

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